

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) An interactive audiovisual distribution system comprising:

A. a distribution center having:

a. a library of stored audiovisual programs;

b. an order processing computer connected to a plurality of subscriber stations for handling requests for delivery of selected segments of said audiovisual programs from said plurality of subscriber stations, said order processing computer being coupled to a plurality of transmission control processing units for allocating servicing of said requests to said transmission control processing unit; and

c. each of said transmission control processing units having:

a transmission control processor for receiving commands from said order processing computer and for handling the distribution of said requested selected program segments;

a memory for storing audiovisual programs including said requested selected programs segments; and

an interface for coordinating transfer of said requested program segments to subscriber stations corresponding to said requests; and

B. each of said subscriber stations including:

a receiver for receiving said requested program segments from said distribution center;

a terminal processor having associated memory input device and display for generating said requests for delivery of selected segments of said audiovisual programs from ~~form~~ said distribution center and for coordinating transfer of said program segments delivered from said distribution center; and

a video processor for decompressing said program segments in compressed video format.

[Please add the following new claim.]

2. (New) A method for distribution of audiovisual programs, comprising:

handling at a distribution center requests for delivery of selected segments of said audiovisual programs from a plurality of subscribers and allocating servicing of said requests to control processing units, each of the control processing units performs;

receiving commands for handling the distribution of said requested selected program segments;

storing and compressing said requested selected program segments;

coordinating transfer of said requested program segments to subscribers corresponding to said requests;

receiving by a subscriber said requested program segments; and

decompressing said program segments from compressed video format.